

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Kevin Cooper
Serial No. : 09/____,____ Art Unit:
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For : TWO PHASE THERMALLY DEFORMABLE BIOCOMPATIBLE
ABSORBABLE POLYMER MATRIX FOR USE IN MEDICAL DEVICES

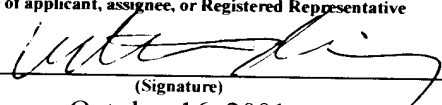
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following preliminary amendment be entered prior to prosecution on the merits.

In the specification:

At page 1, line 5, please insert the following:

-- This application is a divisional of pending United States Serial No. 09/497,060, filed February 2, 2000, which is a divisional of United States Serial No. 09/055,342, filed April 6, 1998, now abandoned. --